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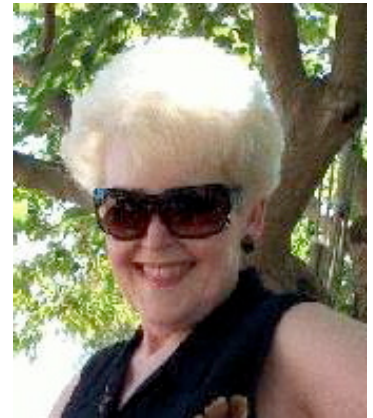
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FROM THE PREZ

It's a new year and a new board for the Southern California DX Club.

There is nothing more laudatory that can be said about our club that isn't already known by the world. The simple reason is the continuous strong leadership - and the members. Last year's board deserves our sincere thanks and appreciation for this string of success. Leading the SCDXC was Jeff Wolf - K6JW; myself - K6IRD as Vice President; Steve Shane - W6NRQ as Secretary and Editor; Doc Holub - K6OGO as Treasurer; Howard Elovitz - W6FL as Membership; Bob Paquette - W6ZPL as Past President; and serving as Directors, Mel Hughes - K6SY and Dave Bell - W6AQ. Congratulations for a job well done!!



The newly elected board should have no trouble maintaining our success because most of the new board served last year. Jeff Wolf is now Past President; Steve Shane and Doc Holub in their same position; and Mel Hughes will now serve as Membership. The new members to the board are Tom Paquette - N6OT as Vice President, and Don Minkoff - NK6A as Director. Lastly, with pride and great enthusiasm, I will now serve as your new President for 2008.

No club can have the success the SCDXC maintains without the financial capability that we have. Our main source of income is from the annual Visalia Convention, which we host every other year. The convention committee, which has been chaired for many years by Carl Gardenias, WU6D, deserves our biggest pat on the back. The convention committee is the heart and soul of our club. Without their effort, our financial success and reputation would not be what it is today. Mel Hughes is serving as co-chair this year, with plans to relieve Carl next year as chair. Don't forget, this year is our year to host. So, get your reservations in and spread the word. The dates are April 25-27. Let's make this our best year yet.

How has your Dxing been this year? I hope better than mine. Make a mental list of your new contacts and let us all know at next month's meeting.

Don't forget to bring your sweethearts to February's meeting. This is our month to celebrate Valentine's Day with some tasty sweets and gift certificates to a nice restaurant for two lucky ladies.

REMINDER! Clipperton Award and Dxer of the Year nominations are due. We want to celebrate two SCDXC members at our convention April 25-27, so please get your nominations in NOW!

88's and good Dxing, Sharon Spring – K6IRD

And from our friends in Japan

Just a little note

Hi to all my friends,

I'm very happy to informing you that I'm going to operate from Sri Lanka in following dates.

I'm not sure yet what my call sign would be, maybe 4S7CZG....? but it's already approved by TRSL in Colombo about a month ago. I only need to pay the fee for issue the license and get my own call sign at TRSL when I get there.

My old friend Victor/4S7VK will be my main host this visit and I appreciated his kindness offer me to operate his station.

`The date will be 01st/Feb to 03rd/Feb 2008.

Operation frequency,

mainly 3787/3803, 7088/7188 and 14200 ocasionaly.

`I need your help, would you please let me know what time will be the best propagation with you from Sri Lanka on each band.

73 FB-DX

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THE NEW VEEP

Hello to all you DX'ers,

First I want to take this time to thank you for electing me to the position of Vice President. With all the great people who preceded me it will be a tough act to follow, I'm looking forward to the challenge of the job.

Going onto upcoming events I want to remind you that if you are a new member to the club be sure to apply for the Clipperton award, our rookie of the year award. Also it's time to make you nomination for DXer of the year. Details for both awards can be found on the club website (www.scdxc.org).

Lastly don't forget that the International DX Convention is coming up April 25-27, 2008. If you have any suggestion for the convention please e-mail them to our co-chairs Mel, K6SY and Carl, WU6D at 2008_chair@dxconvention.org.

The speaker for February will be Bob Grimmick, N6OX about the recent J5C DXpedition. Be sure to attend as you will not want to miss this presentation. Also this meeting will be held on Valentines Day so please bring your YL as we will have a special YL only drawing and refreshments.

I want to thank you again for your support and please feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions. I can be reached by e-mail at n6ot@scdxc.org.

73, de Tom N6OT

The picture, best I could do till Tom fixes his computer.



for your info

California has a new law banning use of hand-held cellphones while driving vehicles that becomes effective starting on July 1, 2008.

ARRL General Counsel, Chris Imlay, W3KD, reports that that he has concluded that this does not apply to Amateur Radio operation because Amateur Radio transceivers are not wireless telephones.

FROM CQ MAGAZINE

This table lists all CQ-sponsored on-air competitions, including contest name, month in which it is held, weekend within that month, issue in which rules appear and issue in which results appear. In addition, all rules are posted on the CQ website <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, as are expanded results for the CQWW and CQ WPX contests and some previously published complete results. Some contest directors have their own web pages with additional information.

CQWW RTTY WPX	Feb	2nd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW 160 Meter / SSB	Feb	Last full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW WPX / SSB	Mar	Last full wknd	www.cqwp.com >
CQ National Foxhunting	May	2nd or 3rd full wknd	www.homingin.com >
CQWW WPX / CW	May	Last full wknd	www.cqwp.com >
CQWW VHF	July	3rd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW RTTY DX	Sept	4th full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW DX / SSB	Oct	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >
CQWW DX / CW	Nov	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >

February 16-17 ARRL DX contest on CW

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR AS A MEMBER OF SCDXC,
YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE CLIPPERTON AWARD. See the web site
for instructions.

Don't forget to nominate your best candidate for the DX ER OF
THE YEAR

Did I mention dues are due
hurry, still only \$18.00

Did I mention that dues are due. See me K6SY to pay up and receive this wonderful newsletter.

So many things happening at the start of the year. We get rid of the old officers and have to train a new bunch. But, truthfully, we had a great bunch of people and some are sticking around just so we continue promoting the Southern California DX Club as a premier Amateur Radio Club. It takes a lot of quality work. Mel will be taking over from Howard as the membership guy so don't forget to send your checks in...Still 18 bucks. That's only a buck fifty a month. See Sharon's article on who is who.



If you noticed I posted a HELP WANTED SIGN on the first page. I have truly enjoyed doing this newsletter but I need to step down. This job is not overly difficult but it does take some time to find articles and assemble the pages. Microsoft or Apple software does a nice job with fore hand publishing. And it goes via E-mail, so no trips to the post office. I would be very remiss if I didn't comment on the next meeting. VALENTINES DAY celebration for our ladies. Bring your XYL/YL and enjoy the program.



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Conversation: 2008 Yuma Hamfest and Electronics Expo

Dear Fellow Ham,

This is a reminder that the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization (YARHO) will again be sponsoring a hamfest in Yuma next month. The Fourth Annual Yuma Hamfest and Electronics Expo will be held in Yuma on February 15 and 16, 2008 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.

This year we are featuring the "Country Store", a consignment sales area. If you only have a few items to sell and do not want to pay the tail-gating fee or stand around all day trying to sell what you have, put your gear in the Country Store and our staff will sell your items for a nominal 10% fee.

We also have an expanded seminar list this year which includes such subjects as ARES Database, D-Star Systems, Software Defined Radios, and Ham Radio and Lasers. The full schedule is available at www.yumahamexpo.com/seminars.html

<<http://www.yumahamexpo.com/seminars.html>> For more information on the Yuma Hamfest and Electronics Expo, please check out our website at www.yumahamexpo.com <<http://www.yumahamexpo.com/>> .

73, George Scott 3rd, K7YMA Publicity Chairman, YARHO

DIFFERENT

Just thought a few of you might be interested in one of the most elaborate antenna arrays that I have seen recently. Thanks for the heads-up Brad.

Arnie N6HC

Incredible...

<http://www.kkn.net/dayton2006/K9LTN.pdf>

73,

Brad, WA6JJB.

A little DX news

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

6E4LM , XF4YK & XF4YW - Revillagigedo, 2007

FJ/OH2AM - Saint Barthelemy, 2007

TN6X - Republic of the Congo, 2007

TN9Z - Republic of the Congo, 2007

TT8PK - Chad, 2007 and current 2008

YK9SV - Syria, 2007

from QRZ Pub

A LITTLE IOTA NEWS.

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The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

The following activations have been notified to us, or to services such as [425 DX News](#), as being expected to be active now. For more details, click on the activation's callsign, or click on a reference number for more information about the island group.

Ref. No. From To Callsign:

AF-004	28 Nov 07	26 Jan 08	EA8/ON6AK
AF-032	13 Jan 08	24 Jan 08	5H1CM
AN-002	19 Dec 07	14 Feb 08	3Y0E
AS-013	21 Jan 08	03 Feb 08	8Q7AK
EU-026	18 Jan 08	24 Jan 08	JW6RHA
EU-070	12 Jan 08	24 Jan 08	OE3GEA/J3
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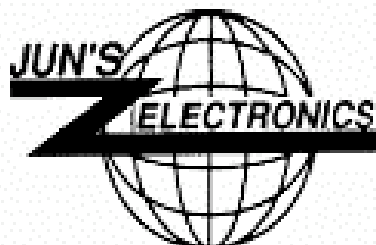
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For those who might be interested in one of the antenna "experiments" that we tried on St. Brandon in September, 2007.

Arnie N6HC

Interested to come back from Reading Radio Club this evening to see a post by Chris G3SVL, because I was thinking this evening about Chris's efforts with kites. The reason for this was that we had a talk by Roger G4ROJ about kite-supported antennas. There is clearly a lot more to this than I was aware of, and he has a huge collection of kites for different wind speeds, loads, etc. Recalling that it took 3 people to bring down Chris's kite in 3B7, Roger was saying his largest sled kite - 150 sq ft - flies with a line of 1 ton breaking strain and requires a winch to bring it down! He normally flies them with electric fence wire - I hadn't realized that it generally consists of a type of rope (up to about 400 lb. breaking strain) with wire down the centre.

Roger doesn't consider it a challenge to fly a single wire. He showed, for example, an 80m bi-square (pretty much the same size and configuration that a 160m loop would be), supported by 3 kites, top at about 180 ft, feedpoint at about 50-ft I guess. He also showed things like a topband inverted vee, with the centre again at about 180-ft, fed with UR43, etc. Most impressive! Certainly worth another try by FSDXA at some stage I would have thought.

He also talked a little about the commercial heli kites which are a combination of kite and helium balloon to cater for when the wind drops! But his own preference is to use a large delta kite in combination with two or three large balloons!

Perhaps most entertaining was his description (and photos) of trying to generate hydrogen using caustic soda and aluminum. Not for the faint-hearted

All in all, quite fascinating!

Don G3XTT

From: "R. Dale Piedfort" <kb7ub-5@dxer.com>

You gonna luv this one, today about 20:15 on 14.265 The J5C Guinea-Bissau station was on all of sudden two old farts and I means two really old farts, these guys even sounded wobbly.

Out of the clear blue they came right up on 14.265 and start talking to each other. Someone finally comes up and tells them they are right on top of a DX Station. Old Fart number one says to Old Fart number two I will find a clear spot and call you on 2 meters and then we can get back on 20.

[Annual CQ Contest Calendar](#)

[2008 CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest](#)

[2008 CQ World Wide WPX Contest Rules](#)

[2008 CQ DX Marathon Rules](#)

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[CQ WW DX Contest Results Now Online](#)

For more information on the CQ-World-Wide Contest
click here <http://www.cqww.com>

**Contact any club officer at
callsign@scdxc.org**

THEFT

Several Yaesu radios and an amplifier from the 3B7C DXpedition were stolen from the container upon arrival in the UK. Everyone is asked to keep an eye out for "new" equipment showing up in "unusual" places.

HEAR YE HEAR YE

Greetings Top Banders!

This year's International DX convention in Visalia will be April 25th through 27th 2008 at the Holiday Inn.

Convention information can be found here:

<http://www.dxconvention.org/>

In past years, Earl, K6SE, arranged for a dinner off site from the hotel. This was some distance away.

This is a preliminary request to see if there is sufficient interest to have a dinner and in a banquet room at the Holiday Inn itself on Friday evening April 25th. This would be a fixed price all-you-can-eat buffet with no-host bar. Payment would be in advance.

The hotel is checking on banquet room availability and needs a minimum head count commitment.

ASAP: Please email me directly and off list to confirm your interest.

"I would definitely attend," will be very useful.

If there is sufficient response and a banquet room is available, I'll look to post a formal announcement.

73 - Steve WB6RSE

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